

ABSTRACT

The invention relates generally to a family of polypeptides from
mitochondrial membranes, which bind insulin sensitizing, antidiabetic
5 thiazolodinediones, and nucleic acid sequences encoding the family of
polypeptides. The invention relates to methods of identifying therapeutic agents
that bind to the polypeptides of the present invention. The invention further
relates to methods useful for treating or modulating metabolic disorders in
mammals in need of such biological effect.

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